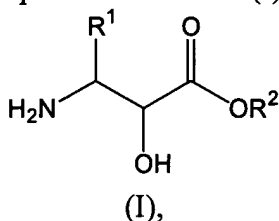


IN THE CLAIMS

1 (currently amended): A compound of formula (I)



or a therapeutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkylsulfanylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, and hydroxyalkyl; and

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkenyl, alkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and (cycloalkyl)alkyl.

2 (original): The compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

3-5 cancelled

6 (currently amended): The compound of claim 5 ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ which is

~~(2RS,3R)-3-amino-4-cyclohexyl-2-hydroxybutanoic acid;~~

~~(2RS,3R)-3-amino-3-cyclohexyl-2-hydroxypropanoic acid;~~

~~(2RS,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-5-phenylpentanoic acid;~~

~~(2S,3R,4S)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-7-methyloctanoic acid; and~~

~~(2S,3R)-3-amino-2-hydroxy-6-phenylhexanoic acid.~~

7-15 (cancelled)

16 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, or a therapeutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with a therapeutically acceptable carrier.

claims 17-18 (cancelled)